

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reasons provided in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. By the foregoing amendment, claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice. As such, the Examiner's rejection of claim 2 is moot. With respect to claim 4, the Applicant has amended claim 4 to place the claim in proper Markush language similar to what the Examiner suggests. As such, the Applicant respectfully suggests that the indefiniteness rejection of claim 4 has been overcome. Reconsideration of claim 4 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Aoki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,427,816) for reasons stated in Paragraph 5 of the Office Action. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection. However, in an effort to move this case towards allowance, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include a portion of the subject matter from claim 2, with claim 2 being canceled without prejudice. As such, the Examiner's rejection of claim 2 is moot. The specific epoxy compounds added to claim 1 (glycerin polyglycidyl ether and cyclohexane dimethanol polyglycidyl ether) are not disclosed in Aoki. As such, Aoki does not anticipate claim 1. For this same reason, Aoki does not anticipate claim 4, which depends from claim 1. Reconsideration of claims 1 and 4 is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated over Sukarai et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2006/0141248) in view of Aoki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,427,816) for reasons stated in Paragraph 9 of the Office Action. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection. However, in an effort to move this case towards allowance, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 5 to include a portion of the subject

matter from claim 2, with claim 2 being canceled without prejudice. As such, the Examiner's rejection of claim 2 is moot. The specific epoxy compounds added to claims 1 and 5 (glycerin polyglycidyl ether and cyclohexane dimethanol polyglycidyl ether) are not disclosed in either Aoki or in Sukarai. As such, the combination of Sukarai in view of Aoki does not teach each and every element of independent claims 1 and 5. For this same reason, the combination of Sukarai in view of Aoki does not teach each and every element of claims 4 and 6, which depend from amended claims 1 and 5, respectively. Reconsideration of claims 1 and 4-6 is thus respectfully requested.

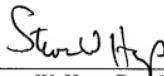
By the foregoing amendment, new claims 8-11 are added. Claim 8 incorporates the subject matter of claim 1 with a portion of the subject matter of claim 4. Claim 9 substantially mirrors the subject matter of original claim 2 (with appropriate corrections to address previously cited 112 indefiniteness problems with respect to claims 2 and 4 above) and depends from new claim 8. Claim 10 incorporates the subject matter of claim 5 with a portion of the subject matter of claim 4. Claim 11 substantially mirrors the subject matter of original claim 6 and depends from new claim 10. It is respectfully suggested that neither Aoki alone, nor the combination of Sukarai in view of Aoki, teaches each and every element of new claims 8-11 and that these claims define patentable subject matter over all cited art whether the references are considered alone or in combination. Consideration of new claims 8-11 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If, after considering this Response, the Examiner believes any of the claims are not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney, Steven W. Hays, whose telephone number is (248) 689-3500, so immediate consideration can be given to any further amendment suggested by the Examiner or needed to place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that there are no fees due at this time. Any fee deemed necessary for this response may be charged to deposit account no. 50-0852.

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